

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (previously presented) A food additive in a granulate form, the food additive comprising: a plant natural product having a spherical surface; and a coating on the plant natural product, the coating comprising at least one of lecithin and a lecithin derivative and wherein the lecithin and/or lecithin derivative is present in an amount greater than about 50 percent by weight of the coating.

2. (cancelled).

3. (previously presented) The food additive according to claim 1, wherein the lecithin and/or lecithin derivative is present in an amount of at least about 70 percent by weight of the coating.

4. (original) The food additive according to claim 1, wherein the plant natural product comprises a seed.

5. (previously presented) The food additive according to claim 1, wherein the plant natural product comprises a seed.

6. (original) The food additive according to claim 5, wherein the seed comprises a poppy seed, a rape seed, a flax seed, a mustard seed or a millet seed.

7. (previously presented) The food additive according to claim 1, wherein the lecithin derivative comprises phosphatidyl serine.

8. (original) The food additive according to claim 1, wherein the coating further comprises at least one of a vitamin, a flavoring agent, a trace element, a pharmaceutical active substance and a pharmaceutical active components.

9. (original) The food additive according to claim 1, wherein the coating further comprises a plurality of layers.

10. (original) The food additive according to claim 1, wherein the coating has a constant layer thickness.
11. (original) The food additive according to claim 1, further comprising a protective layer on the coating.
12. (original) The food additive according to claim 11, wherein the protective layer comprises a film or a wax.
13. (original) The food additive according to claim 1, wherein the weight of the coating is greater than the weight of the plant natural product.
14. (new) A food additive composition comprising:
 - a seed having a spherical surface;
 - a coating on the plant natural product, the coating comprising at least one of lecithin and a lecithin derivative; and
 - a protective layer on the coating.
16. (new) The composition of claim 14, wherein the seed comprises a poppy seed, a rape seed, a flax seed, a mustard seed or a millet seed.
17. (new) The composition of claim 14, wherein the seed is in its natural state.
18. (new) The composition of claim 14, wherein the coating on the plant natural product comprises lecithin.
19. (new) The composition of claim 14, wherein the protective layer is selected from a wax, cellulose methyl ether, a sugar, polysaccharides or oligosaccharides.
20. (new) The composition of claim 14, wherein the weight of the coating is greater than the weight of the seed.